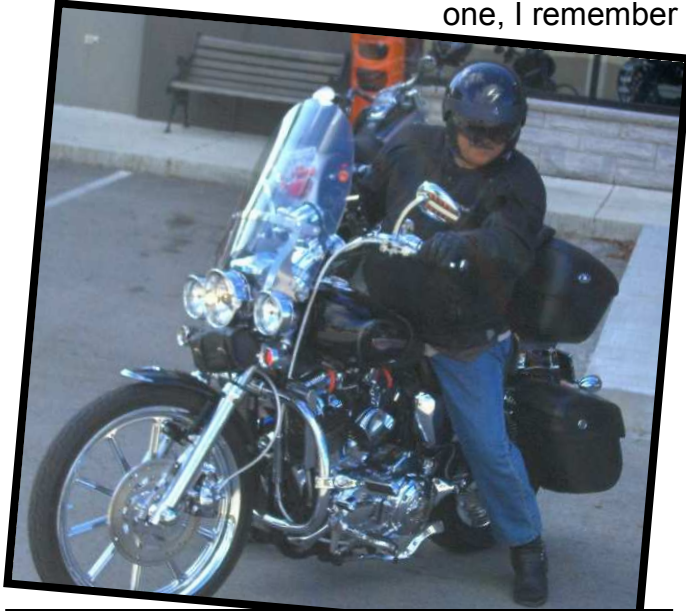


LANGLEY HOG CHAPTER

MY RIDE, MY CHAPTER, MY FRIENDS, MY HARLEY FAMILY

These have been some of the most exciting moments of my life. It was my dream for a very long time to own a motorcycle and more importantly a Harley Davidson. I never got any support from Rose, until one day she said go ahead and get one, I remember



I wish my Sporty had a reverse gear!

that day very well, without wasting anytime I went and purchased a 2008 XL1200C. I was excited and very nervous as well as my dream had finally come true but was terrified to ride my very heavy sporty. The bike was delivered to my home as I did not have my license yet. I was very intimidated with my new pride and joy and it sat in my garage for over one month. I did take a riding course and did end up getting my license. One of my friends did finally get me on the bike and we went out a few times, from around the block to a few blocks and finally to Stanley Park and beyond. I must have dropped the bike more than 10 times in a short few months. My poor sporty had a lot of battle scars. If there was ever a top trophy for dropping your bike it would be permanently in my possession.

Things finally changed for me when Brent invited



I did cover some distance without dropping my bike!

me to a Wednesday evening ride as well as others. Soon I met a whole bunch of friendly caring people who



Mmmmmm.... Membership Perks, Pizzaaaaaaa!

identified themselves as HOG MEMBERS. It took off from there and I never looked back. I came to a few meetings and the Pizza night and

even joined the over night ride to the Oyster run. I was blown away with the number people and bikes.



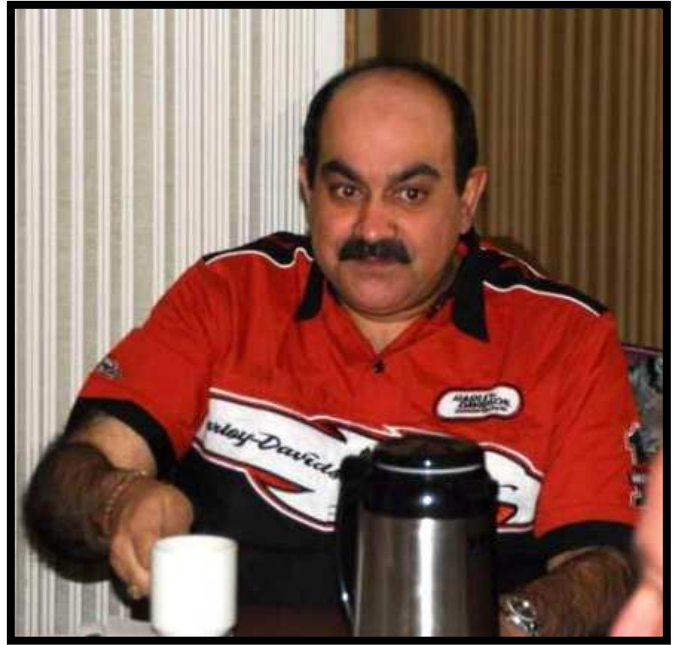
My Hog buddies checking out my new ride, a 2010 Heritage Softail

As I got to know other members from our chapter, everyone was willing to lend a hand, some gave me tips on riding skills (so that I could break my habit of dropping my bike) and some helped with choosing the right Gear to making sure I was safe and comfortable on every ride. The attention I was getting was outstanding, it



Yes, my wife Rose does exist!

made me feel great and it gave me a sense of belonging. Just to give you an idea of how



Somebody... Anybody... Please coffee me!

much I enjoyed the group organized rides and events, the first year I had my sporty I put around 800 KM on the bike and after joining the chapter the second year I put over 12000KM on my sporty. (WOW! IS ALL I CAN SAY) I joined in rides to Hope, Fraser Canyon, Kamloops (my first long distance ride) Cranbrook, and Whistler just to name a few. The list goes on and on and on and on, I'm sure you get the idea.

This year I joined the Chapter Executive with the intention to share my great experience with all new members who joined our chapter, so with Cam's blessing and with Paul's support we reintroduced the MENTOR PROGRAM for our new members. It has started off with a bang! As to date we have matched almost a dozen new members with our more seasoned chapter members who have very generously volunteered to assist new members integrate into our chapter and events. This program is meant to be a "friend" program so that our new members get welcomed into our chapter and get the same experience that I was once extended by our members, my feeling is that the more new members feel comfortable and enjoy their time the more they will get involved. It is working as I see some

of the new members coming to our events. This would be completely impossible without the support of our volunteer Mentors; a big



Behave Mr. Hamburger, I'm watching you!

heartfelt thank you goes out to you all.

I would like to ask any new member who joins our chapter to take advantage of this Super

Program so that you may feel a part of this "wonderful chapter". Please feel free to contact myself, Samier or Paul to get yourself matched with your new "friend" (mentors) who are very eager to assist you in integrating into our chapter.

Again, I would like to thank all our Mentors, a tip of the hat to you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for any member who wishes to be a mentor to a new member to contact myself or Paul as we can certainly use more friends.

In conclusion I would like to say.....

GREAT RIDE, GREAT CHAPTER, GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT HARLEY FAMILY.

Samier Bhagat

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